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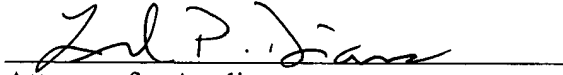
This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated February 10, 2005. Claims 25-45 are pending, of which Claims 25, 32 and 39 are in independent form. No amendment has been made to this application at this time.

Initially, Applicants note the Examiner's consideration of the art cited in the parent application, and of her acknowledgment of the filing of a certified copy of a priority document in the parent application. Applicants merely note that in fact there are two priority applications, Japanese Applications 151183/1998 and 137080/1999, filed on June 1, 1998, and May 18, 1999, respectively, and that certified copies of both were filed in the parent application. To ensure that the record is clear, Applicants respectfully ask that the Examiner confirm this, and provide acknowledgment that both certified copies were filed.

Applicants also note that with the present application was filed a document titled Preliminary Amendment, Claim To Priority And Information Disclosure Statement (a copy of the first page, printed from the public PAIR system, is attached). That paper, in addition to amending the specification to contain the required reference to the parent application, also canceled Claims 1-24, and added Claims 25-45. Thus, the claims examined in the outstanding Office Action were canceled from this application at the time of the filing of the application. Accordingly, examination of the claims presented at that time is respectfully requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

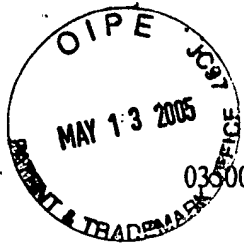
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